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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 3832

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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, JM, CU

SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY JAMAICA AMBASSADOR TO CUBA

1. THE DAILY GLEANER REPORTED SEPTEMBER 8 STATEMENT MADE AUGUST 5 BY JAMAICA'S AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, BEN CLARE. CLARE, SPEAKING IN HAVANA AT CELEBRATION OF 14TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMAICAN INDEPENDENCE, REVIEWED "ACHIEVEMENTS OF JAMAICA'S WORKING PEOPLE" AND "THE DESTABILIZATION CAMPAIGN PROMOTED BY IMPERIALISM AND LOCAL REACTION". CLARE SAID JAMAICA WOULD "HEAD TOWARD SOCIALISM AND THAT NOBODY INSIDE THE COUNTRY OR ABROAD WOULD BE ABLE TO STOP IT BY ANY MEANS, COVERT OR OVERT".

2. ON SEPTEMBER 10, GLEANER CARRIED A REBUTTAL UNDER COLUMN OF THOMAS WRIGHT. WRIGHT ACCUSED CLARE OF "TROTTING OUT THE USUAL NONSENSE ABOUT DESTABILIZATION" AND HE CHIDED CLARE FOR HIS USE OF THE TERM "SOCIALISM" WHEN SPEAKING TO A CUBAN AUDIENCE. CLARE NOTED THAT "IN CUBA SOCIALISM MEANS COMMUNISM" AND HE DREW CONCLUSION THAT SINCE THE AMBASSADOR WOULD

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NOT TRY TO MISLEAD THE CUBANS, HE "HAS LET THE CAT  
OUT OF THE BAG".

3. COMMENT: CLARE'S STATEMENT IS FARILY PROVOCATIVE,  
EVEN BY JAMAICAN STANDARDS. TO SOME EXTENT ITS  
SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE DISCOUNTED BY THE ASSUMPTION  
THAT HE WAS POSTURING IN FRONT OF A CUBAN AUDIENCE  
AND BECAUSE IT WAS DELIVERED WELL BEFORE PM  
MANLEY'S PRIVATE ASSURANCES THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD  
NO LONGER PRESS THE DESTABILIZATION THEME. NEVERTHELESS,  
WE INTEND TO LET OUR DISSATISFACTION BE KNOWN IN THE  
COURSE OF INFORMAL CONTACTS.  
GERARD

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